* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER SE/Corner York & Monkton Roads (16925 York Road) OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 7th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District * Case No. 93-316-SPHXA

Donald B. Foster, et ux Petitioners

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Donald B. and Anne E. Foster, and the Contract Purchasers, Bruce E. and Catherine M. Wisnom, daughter and sonin-law of the Petitioners. The Petitioners request a special hearing to approve the continuation of living quarters within a commercial building and to abandon the use permit for parking in a residential zone which was previously granted the Petitioners in Case No. 75-158-SPH. The Petitioners also request a special exception to permit a gross floor area of 14.013 sq.ft. for the existing buildings on the subject property, in lieu of the maximum permitted 8,800 sq.ft., pursuant to Section 259.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), and to permit a gross floor area of 11,839 sq.ft. on the first floors of said buildings, in lieu of the maximum permitted 6,600 sq.ft. on the ground floors, pursuant to Section 259.3.C.1.a of the B.C.Z.R. In addition to the special hearing and special exception relief sought, the Petitioners seek variances from the B.C.Z.R. as follows: From Section 259.3.C.2.a to permit a front yard setback of 3 feet and a side yard setback of 0 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet for each for the existing two-story brick building located on the northwest corner of the subject property, and a front yard setback of 7 feet and a side yard setback of 11 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet for each for the existing 1 and 1/2 story frame dwelling; from Section 259.3.C.3.a and 3.b to permit a reduction in the amount of the required setback areas which must be landscaped to range from 0 feet to a maximum of 10 feet in lieu of the requirement to landscape the entire front, rear and side setbacks, and to permit the parking configuration as shown on the plan for purposes of maneuvering delivery trucks on the subject site; from Section 259.3.C.4 which requires that parking must be accessible to the parking lots of adjacent non-residential uses and zones; from Section 409.8.A.2 to allow a stone or gravel surface for portions of the parking lot to the rear (east side) of the existing hardware store building in lieu of the required paved surface; from Section 409.6.A.2 to permit 67 parking spaces in lieu of the required 82; and from Section 413.2.e to permit an identification sign not to exceed 230 sq.ft. (total both sides) in lieu of the maximum permitted 150 sq.ft. The relief requested is more particularly described on the plat submitted with the Petitions filed and identified herein as Petitioner's Exhibit 1

Appearing on behalf of the Petitioners were Donald B. Foster, property owner, and his son-in-law, Bruce R. Wisnom, Contract Purchaser/ Lessee. The Petitioners were represented by Jerome G. Geraghty, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petitions were James S. Patton, Professional Engineer, Donald R. Kann, Architect, Donald E. Pearce, President of the Hereford Community Association, and K. Lee Riley, Jr., President of the SASS NS Greater Sparks-Glencoe Community Council. There were no Protestants at the hearing.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 16925 York Road, consists of a gross area of 74,415 sq.ft. zoned B.M.-C.R., and

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most property line to remain as a gravel surface as proposed and the 9 spaces to be located on the southern property line to remain in their grassy state for the present time. In the event the Petitioners decide to utilize those 9 spaces, the Petitioners will make the necessary improvements as required to provide adequate parking for their customers.

As previously stated, Lee Riley appeared and testified on behalf of the Sparks-Glencoe Community Council. Mr. Riley voiced concern regarding the overall square footage of the existing buildings on this site. He stated that given the relief requested in the special exception to permit more square footage than allowed for the subject buildings, he is concerned that should one of the two smaller buildings located on York Road be removed in the future, the square footage associated with that building would be transferred to the larger hardware store building. It was the position of the Sparks-Glencoe Community Council that they would not support such a transfer. With this position I agree. While I am inclined to grant the special exception to permit the gross floor area as proposed, I shall restrict same to the improvements as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. That is, the Petitioners shall be prohibited from transferring in any fashion any of the square footage associated with either of the two smaller buildings located on York Road to the hardware store building. In the event either of these two buildings must be removed in the future, the square footage associated with that building will be lost forever

It should be noted that two of the three existing structures do not conform to current setback requirements as their construction predates the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. The majority of the relief requested is necessary as a result of existing conditions on the property. As indicated on the Petition for Variance, the relief requested

is necessary in order to provide for a functional parking and servicing arrangement. The total required parking cannot be obtained on the lot and at the same time provide for the continuation of this facility and meet the objectives of the Hereford Community Plan.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested were not granted. It has been established that the special hearing and special exception relief sought is necessary due to pre-existing conditions and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and

It is clear that the B.C.Z.R. permits the use proposed in a B.M.-C.R. zone by special exception. It is equally clear that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the primary uses in the vicinity. Therefore, it must be determined if the conditions as delineated in Section 502.1 are

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. The Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances do not show that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibit 1 would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a spe-

is improved with a two-story brick and frame building currently used as a retail florist and gift shop, a one-story brick and block building housing a True Value hardware store, and a one and one-half story frame dwelling with office space. All of the subject improvements are part of the business operation known as Foster Brothers Hardware.

Donald Foster testified that he has operated the Foster Brothers Hardware store from the subject location for the past 48 years. He stated that his father opened the business on this site in 1929 and that he took over daily operations from his father when he returned from World War II. He testified that the dwelling is used for residential purposes and is currently occupied by the Petitioner's brother, who is 82 years of age and is a part-time employee of the family business and overseer of the subject property. The Petitioner is in the process of turning over the business to his daughter and son-in-law who wish to expand the existing hardware store building with a one-story addition and adjacent outside retail sales area, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, to provide more retail The one-story addition will include a basement for additional

Bruce Wisnom, the Petitioner's son-in-law, testified concerning the proposed improvements and the need to expand the hardware store. He testified that they have experienced rapid growth in this area and that their store simply does not have enough space to display all of the merchandise they carry. Mr. Wisnom testified concerning the amount of business which takes place at this site and the approximate number of customers who are in the store at any one time. As to the parking variance requested, Mr. Wisnom testified that there may only be 20 to 25 customers

in the store at any one time and that the 67 parking spaces proposed are more than adequate to serve their needs.

Donald Kann, who was accepted as an expert architect, testified concerning the proposed improvements to the site. Mr. Kann testified that in his opinion, the relief requested satisfies the requirements of Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community.

James Patton, who was accepted as an expert engineer, testified concerning the layout of the property and the proposed improvements intended to be made by the Petitioners. Mr. Patton testified that it is the desire of the Petitioners to provide as much pervious surface on the site as possible. Along these lines, the Petitioners propose to provide 18 gravel parking spaces on the easternmost property line of this site in lieu of the required macadam paving. This would allow for more pervious surface and, according to the testimony of Mr. Patton, would assist in storm water runoff. The Petitioners also intend to provide 9 additional parking spaces along the southern property line. However, at the present time, the Petitioners would rather leave this area as grass. The parking spaces will be shown on the plan and set aside for future use in the event the Petitioners find it necessary to provide parking in this area. The Petitioners' parking proposal as set forth above was strongly supported by the Sparks-Glencoe Community Council, by and through its President, Lee Riley, who appeared and testified. This proposal was also favored by Jeffrey Long of the Office of Planning and Zoning who appeared at the hearing to offer his support.

In view of the foregoing, I believe it would be in the best interests of the community to permit the 18 parking spaces along the eastern-

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cial exception use, irrespective of its location within the zone Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (1981).

The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification, nor in any other way be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the special exception should be granted with certain restrictions as more fully described below.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variances are granted, the use proposed will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 25 day of May, 1993 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve the continuation of living quarters within a commercial building and to abandon the use permit for parking in a residential zone previously granted in Case No. 75-158-SPH, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception to permit a gross floor area of 14,013 sq.ft. for all existing buildings on the subject property, in lieu of the maximum permitted 8,800 sq.ft., pursuant to Section 259.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), and to permit a gross floor area of 11,839 sq.ft. on the first floors of said buildings, in lieu of the maximum permitted 6,600 sq.ft. on the ground floors, pursuant to Section 259.3.C.1.a of the B.C.Z.R., be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the restrictions set forth below; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance requesting relief from the B.C.Z.R. as follows: From Section 259.3.C.2.a to permit a front yard setback of 3 feet and a side yard setback of 0 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet for each for the existing two-story brick building located on the northwest corner of the subject property, and a front yard setback of 7 feet and a side yard setback of 11 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet for each for the existing 1 and 1/2 story frame structure; from Section 259.3.C.3.a and 3.b to permit a reduction in the amount of the required setback areas which must be landscaped to range from 0 feet to a maximum of 10 feet in lieu of the requirement to landscape the entire front, rear and side setbacks, and to permit the parking configuration as

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1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however. Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) The Petitioners shall comply with the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM) dated April 7, 1993.

3) The Petitioners shall submit a landscape plan for review and approval by the Landscape Architect for Baltimore County prior to the issuance of any permits. Said plan shall, at a minimum, be consistent with the landscaping shown on the site plan and the variance relief granted herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioners shall be permitted to provide a gravel parking surface for the 18 parking spaces to be located on the easternmost portion of the subject property: and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioners shall be permitted to keep the 9 parking spaces shown on the site plan on the southern property

line as with a grassy surface and not utilized for parking at this time. In the event the Petitioners' business demands additional parking, the Petitioners will be required to improve the 9 parking spaces in the appropriate manner; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the gross floor area associated with the two smaller buildings located along York Road shall not be transferred to any other building on site. In the event either of these two buildings are removed from the property, the square footage associated with those buildings shall be eliminated.

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The Koxxon Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

May 25, 1993

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

Jerome G. Geraghty, Esquire 1200 Sun Life Building 20 S. Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Case No. 93-316-SPHXA

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE SE/Corner York and Monkton Roads (16925 York Road) 7th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Donald B. Foster, et ux - Petitioners

Dear Mr. Geraghty:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance have been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. & Mrs. Donald B. Foster 17101 Big Falls Road, Monkton, Md. 21111

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce E. Wisnom

16925 York Road, Monkton, Md. 21111

Mr. K. Lee Riley, Jr., President, Sparks-Glencoe Community Council P.O. Box 396, Sparks, Md. 21152

People's Counsel; File

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 16925 York Road, Hereford

which is presently zoned B,M,-C,R. This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County. to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

The continuation of living quarters within a commercial building and to abandon the permit to park in a residential zone, as previously granted under Special Hearing 75-158.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted out

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	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
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Petition for Special Exception, Petition for Special Exception

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to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 16925 York Road, Hereford which is presently zoned

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for

A Special Exception is requested in accordance with Section 259.3B.3. to permit a gross floor area of 14.013 square feet for all buildings on the lot in lieu of the allowed maximum floor area of 8800 square feet and to permit a gross floor area of 11,839 square feet on the first floors of those buildings in lieu of the allowed 6600 square feet on the ground floors (Section 259.3C.1.a.)

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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16925 York Rd. (410) 343-0700

Monkton, MD 21111

REVIEWED BY: _______DATE 3-16-73.

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 16925 York Road, Hereford which is presently zoned B.M. -C.R. This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 259.3.C.2.a, 259.3C.3.a., 259.3C.4, 409.8A.2, and 409.6A.2., and 413.2.e See attached sheet. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) Two of the three structures on the property do not conform to setback(s) as their construction pre-dates Baltimore County Zoning; "To provide for a functional parking and servicing arrangement, the total required parking cannot be obtained on the lot and at the same time provide for the continuation of this facility and meet the objectives of the community plan. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that tiwe are the 16925 York Road-York @ Munkton Attorney for Petitioner: 17101 Big Falls Rd.

ame, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative

Bruce E. Wisnom, Foster Bros. Hardware

16925 York Rd. (410) 343-0700

VARIANCES REQUESTED #319 93-5PHXA Section 259.3.C.2.a. To permit for the 2-story brick building on the northwest corner, an existing front yard of 3 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, and an existing sideyard of 0 feet, and for a 1-1/2 story existing frame structure, an existing front yard of 7 feet, in lied of the required 15 feet and an existing sideyard of 11 feet in lieu of the required 15 Section 259.30.3.a.& b. To permit a reduction in the amount of the required setback areas which must be landscaped to range from 0 feet to a maximum of 10.0 feet in lieu of the requirement to landscape the entire front, rear, and side , FIRE Co. setbacks. To permit the parking configuration as shown for purposes of maneuvering delivery trucks on A variance from the requirement that parking must be accessible to the parking lots of adjacent nonresidential uses and zones. Section 409.8A.2 A variance to accept a stone or gravel surface for portions of the parking lot to the rear/ (east side) of the hardware store buildings as a suitable surface. Section 409.63.2 A variance to permit 67 parking spaces in lieu of the required 82 To permit an identification sign not to exceed 230 sq. ft. (total both sides) in lieu of the allowed 150 sq. ft. in area. SPECIAL HEARINGS REQUESTED cial Hearing to allow for riving quarters within a commercial ling. To abandon the permit to park in a residential zone as ously granted under Special Hearing 75-158; and to find that proposed development is in compliance with site design lines and performance standards for the Hereford plan. APPROVALS



93-316-SPHX Patton Consultants, Ltd. 305 West Chesapeake Avenue • Suite 118 • Towson, MD 21204

<u>FOR</u>

ZONING DESCRIPTION(8)

(410) 296-2140 • FAX (410) 296-0419

16925 YORK ROAD

Variance(s), Special Exception & Special Hearing Petitions

Beginning at a point of the east side of York Road which is sixtysix (66) feet wide and at a distance twelve (12) feet South of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street, Monkton Road, which is twenty-four (24) feet wide. Thence, the following courses and distances:

North 840 51' 17" East, 214.66 ft. South 05° 31' 40" East, 10.81 ft. North 850 41' 12" East, 128.00 ft. South 010 35' 08" East, 197.40 ft. South 820 09' 39" West, 156.06 ft. North 040 18' 06" West, 38.75 ft. South 870 19' 23" West, 181.01 ft. North 03° 13' 56" West, 170.58 ft.

To the place of beginning. As recorded in Deed Liber 5334, Folio 368 and Deed Liber 7734, Folio 458, containing 1.47 acres . Also known as 16921 and 16925 York Road and located in the 7th Election District.



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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

MARCH 25, 1993

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Haryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 93-316-SPHEA (Item 319) SEC York and Monkton Roads 16925 York Road 7th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): Donald B. Foster and Anne E. Foster Contract Purchaser(s): Bruce E. Wisnom and Catherine M. Wisnom HEARING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Courthouse

Special Hearing to approve the continuance of living quarters within a commercial building and to abandon the permit to park in a residential zone, as previously granted under special hearing #75-158. Special Exception to permit a gross floor area of 14,013 square ft. for all buildings on the lot in lieu of the allowed maximum floor area of 8,800 square ft.; and to permit a gross floor area of 11,839 square ft. on the first floors of those buildings in lieu of the allowed 6,600 square ft. on the ground floors. Variance to permit an existing front yard of 3 ft. in lieu of the required 15 ft. and an existing side yard of zero ft. (for the 2-story brick building on the northwest corner); to permit an existing front yard of 7 ft. in lieu of the required 15 ft. and an existing side yard of 11 ft. in lieu of the required 15 ft. (for a 1-1/2 story existing frame structure); to permit a reduction in the amount of the required setback areas which must be landscaped to range from zero ft. to a maximum of 10 ft. in lieu of the requirement to landscape the entire front, rear, and side setbacks; to permit the parking configuration (as shown on the plat) for purposes of maneuvering delivery trucks on the site; to permit that the parking does not have to be accessible to the parking lots of adjacent non-residential uses and zones; to accept a stone or gravel surface for portions of the parking lot to the rear (east side) of the hardware store buildings as a suitable surface; to permit 67 parking spaces in lieu of the required 82 spaces; and to permit an identification sign not to exceed 230 square ft. (total both sides) in lieu of the allowed 150 square ft. in area.

cc: Donald B. Foster and Anne E. Foster Bruce E. Wisson and Catherine H. Wisson Jerome G. Geraghty, Emq.

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

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April 20, 1993

Jerome G. Geraghty, Esquire 1200 Sun Life Building 20 S. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21201

> RE: Case No. 93- 316-SPHXA, Item No. 319 Petitioner: Donald B. Foster, et ux Petition for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance

Dear Mr. Geraghty:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on March 16, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

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16925 York Road

RE: CASE NUMBER: 93-315-SPHIA (Item 319) SEC York and Moniston Roads

7th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic

Legal Owner(s): Donald B. Foster and Anne E. Foster

attention to this matter is suggested.

Contract Purchaser(s): Bruce E. Wisnom and Catherine M. Wisnom

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Courthouse

NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please be advised that \$ 142.63 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned

THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) MUST BE RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL MOT ISSUE. DO

Forward your check for the above fee via return mail to the Zoning Office, (ZADM), County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 109, Towson, Maryland 21204. Please

write the case number and hearing date on the check and make

same payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. To avoid delay

of the Zoning Commissioner's Order in your case, immediate

16925 York Road

Towson, MD 21204

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

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(410) 887-3353

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Ms. Julie Winiarski Zoning Administration and **Development Management** County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

My telephone number is 410-333-1350 Teletypewriter for impaired Hearing or Speech
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707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: April 5, 1993

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, Senior Engineer PAR Development Plan Review

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for April 5, 1993

Item No. 319

Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Development Plan Review Division has reviewed the

subject zoning item. Prior to issuance of a building permit,

this site must be brought into compliance with the Landscape

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:	Arnold Jablon, Director
	Zoning Administration &
	Davelopment Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE: April 6, 1993

SUBJECT: 16925 York Road

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Foster Brothers Hardware Petitioner:

Property Size:

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Requested Action:

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon a review of the applicant's request, staff offers the following com-

The Master Plan acknowledges the role of Hereford as a Rural Town Center and encourages growth provided that the character unique to the town is enhanced and any development is environmentally sound.

The Commercial Rural District was adopted by the County Council on July 5, 1988. The C.R. overlay district regulations allow for development provided that it can be supported by the environment, protect historic features and improve the acsthetic quality of rural commercial development.

he applicant's parcel is located within the boundaries of the Hereford commercial district which was established based on existing land use, site accessibility, environmental constraints and existing zoning characteristics.

subject request is consistent with the Hereford Plan's objective to maintain o compact nature of Hereford. In order to accomplish this goal, the plan recomands no future commercial expansion to the north or south along York Road. One the actions of the Hereford Plan states, "Concentrate commercial zoning for e northern area in Hereford or other rural villages. Discourage commercial ming along roads outside of these areas."

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Foster Brothers Hardware has served Hereford for many years and the applicant's

Hereford Plan. Therefore, this office is supportive of this request. Should the

relief be granted, staff recommends the applicant meet with the deputy director of the Office of Planning to discuss future landscape treatment of the property.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

April 7, 1993

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

J. Lawrence Pilson Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #319 Foster Property; 16925 York Road Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 29, 1993

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

- 1. Compliance with Forest Conservation Act will be required.
- 2. Satisfactory soils evaluation tests must be conducted and revised plans must be approved by DEPRM.
- 3. A water balance assessment may be required.
- 4. All existing and proposed septic system and septic reserve areas need to be shown and labeled, including the gift shop, the dwelling on site and adjacent wells and septics within 100' of the
- 5. Any existing underground storage tanks must be shown, or a note indicating if there are none.
- 6. The well closest to York Road will be located in a parking space.
- 7. Stormwater management must be addressed.
- 8. The stone and gravel parking lot has existed for several years. It is used only for parking and an occasional delivery truck, with no "through" traffic. The owner would be responsible for treating this surface in an appropriate manner if a dust problem should occur in the future.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments relating to agenda of 3/29/93

The Department of Recreation and Parks submits a reply of "NO COMMENT" for the following item numbers:

* 314, * 315, + 316, ¢ 317, + 319, ¢ 320, * 321, + 322,

There are no other items on the agenda aside from the above.

Patrick J. McDougall

Master Plan Coordinator

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HEREFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 180 MONKTON, MD 21111

April 27, 1993

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director **Baltimore County Government** Office of Zoning Administration 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

93-316

Dear Mr. Jablon:

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March 16, 1993

Mr. Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning 401 Bosley Ave. Towson, MD 21204

RE: FOSTER BROTHERS HARDWARE Special Exception Request In a CR District (BCZR Section 259.3E) Our Project No. 9240

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Please consider this a supplement to the petition for a Special Exception for the expansion of the Foster Brothers Hardware at the intersection of York and Monkton Road in Hereford. In accordance with Baltimore County Zoning regulations Section 259.3E. There are "additional requirements for the granting of a special exception in a CR District". As stated in this section, in addition to the requirements generally imposed in the issuance of special exceptions by Section 5.02.1, "the following requirements shall apply to the granting of special exceptions in CR districts."

The following information is submitted in support of these requirements.

"The petitioners shall document the need for the development at the proposed location."

The petition submitted is for the expansion of an existing facility at this site. Foster Brothers Hardware has been located at this site since the 1930's. The continuing viability of this operation is documented by the patronage of the facility and the service it provides to the community.

As the Hereford community has expanded, so to, has the need for expansion of this general hardware store. The strong support of the Hereford Community Association, Councilman Dutch Ruppersberger, and the County planning staff further demonstrate the need for the expansion of Foster Brothers Hardware store at this location.

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- 2. The plan for the expansion of Foster Brothers Hardware takes into account the existing and proposed roads, Monkton Road and York Road, the topography of the site, the existing vegetation, soil types and the configuration of the site. The site plan for the site provides a sensitive solution to accommodate the existing configuration of the site. No slopes exist on the site which are in excess of 25% which were not created by the previous expansion to the facility. Based on the site plan proposed, with the removal of existing structures and those areas being landscaped, there will be minimum disturbance to vegetated areas. There are no wetlands or streams on the site. With the proposed construction there will not be excessive erosion and sediment loss, nor will there be undue site disturbance. Due to the soil types, infiltration is not feasible on the site. However, underground storm water management facilities will provide a certain amount of infiltration prior to discharge from the site which will be decentralized."
- 3. Architecturally or historically significant buildings will be preserved and integrated into the site plan. In particular the residence which is at the southeast corner of York and Monkton Road will be preserved, and in fact, additions which have occurred over the years which are not architecturally or historically significant will be removed to enhance the appearance of this structure and the site plan. The proposed expansion of the hardware store itself will be in keeping with the character of the two historically significant buildings which presently exist on the site.
- 4. The proposed addition to the building is sited to protect the scenic view from the public roads. With the addition of the landscaping in the 10' landscaped buffer areas and the changes to the roof lines, location of entrances and the removal of existing storage structures on the site all will enhance the scenic view from both Monkton and York Road.

Based on the proposed site plan and the landscape buffering around the perimeter of the site, in particular along the Monkton Road and York Road frontages, the open space will actually be increased thereby enhancing the enjoyment and visual quality of the site.

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> 5. The proposed development is a continuation and expansion of an existing use which has not been detrimental to the neighboring uses and the tranquility of the rural area. There are no anticipated changes to the site which would result in a nuisance or air pollution from dust, fumes, vapors, gases, or odors.

I respectfully suggest that the requirements of the above can be met, and the requested petitions and site plan fulfill the spirit and intent of this section. The above statements are not final and conclusive. At the time of the hearing on this petition, we respectfully reserve the right to submit additional information in support of these requirements.

Sincerely yours,

PATTON CONSULTANTS, LTD.

James S. Patton, P.E.

President

cc: Jerome Geraghty, Esquire

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The square footage of the Project (14,013 square feet) remains a concern to GSGCC. We note that the total figure includes the combined square footage of both structures nearest to and facing York Road and we understand that the applicant does not intend at any time in the foreseeable future to remove either of those buildings. In fact, we enthusiastically support the proposed buildings. In fact, we enthusiastically support the proposed renovations to the historically significant structure on the North-West corner of the lot. In light of these considerations, we ask that the Commissioner consider restricting the square footage such that, if either or both of these structures are wholly or substantially removed or proposed to be substantially altered, then the allowed square footage of the Project shall be reduced by the amount of commercial square footage attributable to such structure or structures. The intent of this restriction is to preserve the existing structures, as proposed by the applicant. This restriction should be written into the order of the Commissioner so as to ensure compliance by subsequent owners.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me at 385-4260.

Sincerely,

K. Lee Riley, Jr. President, Greater Sparks-Glencoe Community Council

cc: Officers of GSGCC

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PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT 3

May 10, 1993

Mr. Timothy M. Kotroco Deputy Zoning Commissioner Zoning Commissioner Office of Baltimore County 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Foster Brothers Hardware (Item No. 319)

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Sparks-Glencoe Community Council ("GSGCC") with regard to the above-referenced application for certain zoning variances and special exceptions (the "Project") to inform you that, based upon extended conversations with the applicant and a thorough review of the proposal, GSGCC does not oppose the Project. In addition, we feel that the applicant has made commendable efforts in his attempt to balance the economic realities of this proposed commercial expansion with the historical and environmental concerns of many area residents. Please note, however, that GSGCC feels compelled to address certain issues in connection with the Project.

With regard to the variance request as to the number of durable and dustless parking spaces (67 parking spaces in lieu of the required 82 spaces), we recognize that any fewer spaces would increase the deviation from the regulatory requirement; however, we ask the Zoning Commissioner (the "Commissioner") to consider further reducing the number of spaces required in consideration of storm water management and well recharge area problems created by the high percentage of impervious surface to the property. We have discussed with the applicant the alternatives of either preserving a certain number of spaces as undeveloped area or surfacing certain portions of the parking area with gravel on the South and East sides of the lot. On balance, we feel that either alternative would be preferable to mandating that all spaces be surfaced with black-top from the standpoint of storm water management, particularly in light of the fact that the nature of this business is such that fewer spaces will be required due to quick customer turn-over.



